

Amendment/Response

Reply to Office Action of July 14, 2003

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 28 on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- -The input beam aperture is defined by the dimensions of side b of polarizing beam splitter 28. Side b is coplanar with the waist of the input beam which is often elliptical, as shown in Figure 4c, and the height b1 ~~and with~~ and width b2 of rectangular side b are chosen to correspond to the minor and major axes, respectively, of the ellipse.- -

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